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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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SUBJECT: Information Sharing Environment Reports

The President has approved for implementation, in accordance with applicable law and presidential guidance and subject to the availability of appropriations, the recommendations set forth in the following reports submitted pursuant to the President's Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of December 16, 2005, entitled "Guidelines and Requirements in Support of the Information Sharing Environment":

Requirement 1B Report: "Review and Identify the Respective Missions, Roles, and Responsibilities of such Executive Departments and Agencies, with Counterterrorism Responsibilities, Both as Producers and Users of Terrorism Information"

Guideline 2 Report: "Develop a Common Framework for Sharing Information Between and Among Executive Departments and

Agencies and State, Local, and Tribal Governments, Law Enforcement Agencies, and the Private Sector"

Guideline 4 Report: "Facilitate Information Sharing Between Executive Departments and Agencies and Foreign Partners"

Guideline 5 Report: "Guidelines to Implement Information Privacy Rights and Other Legal Protections in the Development and Use of the Information Sharing Environment"

Copies of the reports are attached for your reference.

Thank you for your contributions to these reports, and thanks as well to the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment (Program Manager) for his efforts. I look forward to receiving the report required by Guideline 3, relating to "Sensitive But Unclassified" information, this winter.

It is important to note that the attached reports are to be released only upon request. The Homeland Security Council staff is preparing a summary document intended for release to the public, and a draft of that document will be circulated to your respective staffs for review and comment shortly.

I have requested regular progress reports on the implementation of the approved recommendations from the Director of National Intelligence. I thank you for your continued collaboration and support of the Program Manager as he creates and implements the Information Sharing Environment.

Attachments

Tab 1 Requirement 1b Report
Tab 2 Guideline 2 Report
Tab 3 Guideline 4 Report
Tab 4 Guideline 5 Report